

Red City Community

Welcome to Mars! My name is Omar Epps, and I am one of the members of the community called Red City here on Mars. It's lucky that I am here to talk to you about our year on Mars because recently we have had a dangerous situation that the other townspeople and I were lucky to survive.

Before I tell you what happened, let me tell you a little about myself. I was born on Earth 18 years ago in a very run down area where there were many poor people and drug addicts. I did not like my set-up on Earth, so when I learned that people were going to start a community on Mars I thought it would be the key to get out of my unhappy life. It turned out to be a good choice because I am one of the main leaders of the Red City community.

The other leader is my good friend Sky Janae. Sky is also 18 and came to Mars from Earth. On Earth, Sky was a very kind person and a peace builder. She heard about the community on Mars and felt that she could help the new settlers by sharing her singing techniques to make Mars a peaceful place. She was right, and has sang on Mars since she arrived.

Sky and I have been on Mars for about one year now and for the most part, everything is going great. We live with 100 settlers underneath the martian surface, but get sunlight through protective plate glass windows in the ceilings.

So far the weather inside our community has been great. No one has been choking from bad air, there haven't been any dust storms outside, we've been protected from the high radiation levels and the temperature is almost above freezing.

No one has been fighting and lately young women and men have been getting new jobs and graduating from our school with diplomas. Some of the new jobs in Red City are professional sports players, Actors, Teachers and Restaurant workers.

Things were going along, but it was the day of the week for a change I guess. No one knew what was going to happen.

On Sunday May 8th 2020 Mars had an earthquake that changed our lives.

The earthquake caused a tree inside our community to fall, cracking one of the plate-glass sky-light windows. Sky and I were the only one's to see the tree fall and break the window.

Immediately we called Janell the engineer. Janell took a look at the damage, "we need construction workers and a glass expert to fix this," she said. So we called the construction workers who ordered the glass from Aaron Glass. Aaron makes the glass at his house, and recommended that we use a piece 12 inches thick to ensure that it wouldn't crack again.

We helped the rest of the community members evacuate into the metal filled tunnels so that they would be safe while the construction workers fixed the damaged window. The people were afraid of another possible earthquake.

The construction workers quickly went to fix the hole,
Janell the engineer told them how to build it, and the glass
never broke again.